

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PACKAGES FOR EARTHQUAKE AFFECTED HILL DISTRICTS OF UTTAR PRADESH

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had announced packages for the earthquake affected residents of hill districts of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any grants have been given to the State;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken to expedite the payment of grant of compensation to the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (e): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to provide relief to the affected people in the wake of natural calamities including earthquake. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the States. An amount of Rs.81.37 crore under Calamity Relief Fund and Rs.16.68 crore from the then National Fund for Calamity Relief during 1999-2000 was released to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the purpose. The ground level distribution of relief is the responsibility of the State Government.